Letter from the Editor

Welcome to the edited and revised fourth issue of the American Public University System (APUS) *Saber and Scroll Journal*. As noted in the previous revised issues, authors of articles published in the early issues of the *Saber and Scroll* have expressed interest in purchasing a print-on-demand (POD) version of their work. In response to that request, a small team has tackled editing and revising the first four issues of the journal to improve the content quality and publish each as a print offering.

Sincere thanks are due to APUS faculty member Jennifer Thompson, who, together with the *Saber and Scroll* Editor in Chief, have edited and revised each article and book review published in the fourth *Saber and Scroll* issue. Thanks are also due to Susanne Schenk Watts, who has carefully proofread the issues created for print-on-demand format. Where appropriate, the team has added public domain artwork to feature articles to enhance the aesthetics of each issue.

Thanks are due to the fourth issue authors: Robert Busek, Kenneth Oziah, Kathleen Mitchell Reitmayer, Anne Midgley, Lew Taylor, Chris Booth, and Patrick Baker for their contributions to the *Saber and Scroll Journal*.

As with the previous revised issues, the original letter from the editor has been included. The original letter from the editor stated:

Welcome to the Volume I of the Second Edition of the Saber and Scroll Journal!

As the Saber and Scroll Journal enters into its second year of publication, we are so pleased to have such a warm response and stable journal team. While the last year has been filled with changes, we have done our best to bring you the best possible journal that we can put together and this edition is no different. It has been only through the support of the Saber and Scroll members that we have been able to be successful into a second year. We thank those who have volunteered in the past and our present volunteers as well as the historians who have submitted their work for the journal.
As we normally do with the first journal of the year, this journal was an open topic. Every author in this volume is a member of the American Public University System community. It is the best American Public University System’s History and Military History Departments have to offer from undergrads to faculty and from Ancient Greece to the American Civil War.

With that said, we hope you enjoy the Winter Issue of the Saber and Scroll Journal.

Your Journal Team
Anne Midgley, Managing Content Editor
Ben Sorenson, Content Editor
Melanie Thornton, Content Editor
Kathleen Reitmayer, Technical Editor

It is with great pleasure then that the edited and revised version of the fourth Saber and Scroll issue is hereby presented in print-on-demand format.

Anne Midgley
Editor in Chief